



## Connecticut State Police Public Information Office



### CHILD'S DEATH INVESTIGATED

01-09-05

On 1-7-05 at 1231 hours Willimantic Police and Willimantic EMS responded to 67 West Avenue for a report of a infant that was unresponsive. Upon arrival the victim, Amaya Serra-Martinez, H-F DOB 7-26-04 was found in cardiac/respiratory arrest. The infant victim was transported to Windham Hospital where she pronounced dead.

On 01-08-05 a post mortem examination of the child was performed at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Farmington, Connecticut. The Medical Examiner Dr. McDonough found injury to the deceased head. The injury was consistent with blunt traumatic head Injury and the death was ruled a homicide. The State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad was assigned to conduct the investigation into the child's death. State Police detectives are being assisted by Willimantic Police Detectives, and the State's Attorney's Office

The victim's mother, Erika Martinez of 67 West Avenue, Willimantic, DOB 07-19-84 was interviewed by State Police Detectives concerning the injury to the baby.

On 01/08/05, based on investigative information that was developed by investigators and the medical examiners findings, Erika Martinez was arrested and charged with Risk of Injury in connection with the death of her infant baby.

The accused ERIKA MARTINEZ was transported to Troop K in Colchester where she was processed and transported to the York Correctional facility in Niantic where she is being held on a \$500,000.00 bond pending a court appearance at Ga#11 in Danielson on Monday 1-10-05.

The case remains under investigation.

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